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## ***JUDICIAL PROFILE***

**M. Jean Hoag** became a Superior Court Judge in 1996 after 13 years as a felony prosecutor. For nearly five years prior to joining the bench, she specialized in the prosecution of sex crimes and physical abuse cases for the Maricopa County Attorney's Office. Earlier she was an Assistant State Attorney General assigned to the Organized Crime Division. Before coming to Arizona in 1988, Judge Hoag worked as an Assistant Hennepin County Attorney in Minneapolis Minnesota, specializing in the prosecution of domestic violence. She was adjunct faculty at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota from 1983 until 1988. In 1982, she graduated cum laude from the same college. In 1969, she received her Bachelor of Science degree in secondary English education from Mankato State University, Mankato, Minnesota.

She is currently the Southeast Court Presiding Judge and handles a Special Assignment calendar. She has also handled Family Court and Civil calendars. She has served on several Superior Court committees. Judge Hoag's legal background as an accomplished prosecutor and trial lawyer is complimented by her skills as a writer and teacher. She worked as a magazine editor between 1972 and 1975 and then spent another five years as a copywriter and book publicist.

Utilizing her writing, communication and legal training, she has served as a faculty member for the Arizona Trial Advocacy College, State Bar of Arizona, since 1992. Additionally, she has served as faculty for the State Bar professionalism course and chaired the 1995 State Bar Convention. She is a member of the Arizona Women Lawyers Association and the American Judicial Society.

